



# *Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors*

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**CHAIR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY CRITICIZES  
OUTER SUBURBS' REJECTION OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING PLAN CREATED BY SEWRPC**  
**Jursik Says Suburbs Engage in "Subtle Signs of Racism"**

Supervisor Patricia Jursik today issued the following statement regarding the SEWRPC Regional Housing Plan:

"Ferguson, MO is the blueprint for the next phase of civil rights struggle: The Integration of the Outer Suburbs. This year, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, (SEWRPC) created a Regional Housing Plan with recommendations for affordable, workforce housing and attention to patterns of housing discrimination. The Milwaukee County Board adopted this plan, which is supported by good fact-finding and fully noticed public hearings.

"The subtle signs of racism are already being planted here in Southeastern Wisconsin as displayed by the actions of the Ozaukee County Board and Waukesha County Board, with the Ozaukee County Board outright rejecting the Housing Plan and Waukesha amending the plan to point of gutting it.

"Will the State of Wisconsin be pro-active in encouraging affordable housing in the outer suburbs now they have chosen to run Milwaukee County? My guess is probably not, since it is the local Milwaukee County Board that had been proactive on affordable housing and workforce alternatives.

"The one sign of hope is the recent trend of both singles and recently retired people in moving to the metropolitan area where there is diversity, creative cultural offerings, open-mindedness and youthful vigor.

"Violence is never an alternative, but blandness is not a good choice either and that seems to come with this display of prejudice. It comes with discriminatory housing where the "haves" wall-off the very workers needed in their local community businesses while failing to provide the transportation needed to get around these "walls".

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